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In response to the election/restriction requirement of June 30, 2003, kindly consider the following remarks.

The Examiner has restricted the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method for assaying protease activity upon coexpression of a substrate and a protease, classified in class 435, subclass 29.

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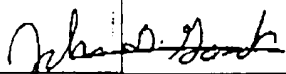
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